

send me testify to our tastes in common. For the last five or six years—after caring nothing for philosophy all my life, except in the exquisite literary setting of Plato—I have acquired a deep and intense passion for Cicero's philosophical writings. Perhaps it is that he was an old public man, who had gone through all the most virile and stirring human experiences, and had retained his eagerness for truth and his lofty views of man's destiny. His ethical illustrations are all taken from high political and warlike events, and the diction is divine, and inspiring and suggestive as no other writing. I have brought here the * Tusculan Disputations,' and the 'De Natura Deorum'; and in truth I now regard this wonderful city, which I know as perhaps none but specialists know it, with a perceptibly increased interest and respect on Cicero's account.

"We have a glorious view from a fifth floor window on the Pincian hill, straight across the heart of Borne. On the Janiculan summit opposite—where no Pope or Emperor ever was allowed to be placed—Garibaldi sits on his charger, nobly sculptured in bronze, overlooking all the city from the point where he fought the French in 1849. I saw him once carried by four gens d'armes, within three feet of me; one by each arm, and one with an arm under each knee. It was an arrest, by the Italian authorities, to which he submitted in order to save bloodshed after the battle of Mentana. And now he stands there, the master of all he sees; and he deserves it, too; for though his

material did
not allow him any certainty of military success,
he had the
sacred fire which kept everything alive till the
work was"
done. Last night we ate our Thanksgiving
turkey and
cranberry sauce with your Ambassador and
Ambas-
sadress—very old friends of ours. They lived
for many
years next door to us in London. How my
wife and I
would have wished you there! and what I
would give to
take you, as I took John Morley, to the Forum
and the
Palatine!! Nine out of ten people at the sights
here are
Americans; very humble folk, especially the
women, but
most intelligent and eager, and essentially
refined. It is a